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SUBJECT: NORWAY REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR SECURITY COUNCIL
SEAT

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR SOREN SOMMERFELT CALLED ON THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY FEBRUARY 28, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, REQUEST-
ING US SUPPORT FOR NORWAY'S CANDIDACY FOR A UN SECURITY
COUNCIL SEAT.

2. SOMMERFELT RECALLED THAT NORWAY HAD ANNOUNCED ,TS
CANDIDACY LAST YEAR AND THAT IT WAS A MEMBER OF AND THE
CANDIDATE OF THE NORDIC GROUP. NORWAY'S PRINCIPAL COMPETI-
TOR WITHIN THE EUROPEAN GROUP IS THE NETHERLANDS. NORWAY
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BELIEVES IT IS MORE FAIR THAT IT SHOULD BE ELECTED FOR
THE SEAT BECAUSE THE NETHERLANDS HAS BEEN ON THE SECURITY
COUNCIL ON THREE PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, WHILE THE NORWEGIANS
HAVE ONLY BEEN A MEMBER TWICE. HE WAS CALLING ON THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REMIND THE UNITED
STATES OF THE NORWEGIAN CANDIDACY AND TO ASK FOR US SUPPORT.

3. AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, EUR/NE DIRECTOR
FUNSETH EXPLAINED THE US POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) WE BELIEVE NORWAY WOULD BE A VALUABLE MEMBER OF

THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE US WILL, OF COURSE, GIVE CARE-
FUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO NORWAY'S CANDIDACY
AT THE TIME WE TAKE POSITION ON ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL
PRIOR TO THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(B) GON IS AWARE THAT WE ARE GUIDED BY THE DECISION OF THE
REGIONAL GROUPS, IN HIS INSTANCE THE WESTERN EUROPEAN
GROUP (WEO).

(C) SHOULD NORWAY OBTAIN THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE WEO GROUP,
WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SUPPORT ITS CANDIDACY AND WOULD LOOK
FORWARD TO CLOSE COOPERATION WITH NORWAY IN THE SC.

4. TEXT OF THE "POUR MEMOIRE" WHICH SOMMERFELT LEFT WITH
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

1. IN ITS NOTE OF JUNE 9, 1977 (NO. 78/77) THE ROYAL
NORWEGIAN EMBASSY INFORMED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF
THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY TO SUBMIT ITS
CANDIDATURE FOR ONE OF THE TWO NON-PERMANENT SEATS
ALLOCATED TO THE WESTERN GROUP ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL
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FOR 1979-80. THESE SEATS WILL BECOME VACANT AT THE
EXPIRY OF THE TERMS OF CANADA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY RECONFIRMS THIS DECISION
AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE VALUABLE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS CANDIDATURE WHEN THE
ELECTIONS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL
OF 1978 AT THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE NORWEGIAN CANDIDATURE IS ENDORSED BY THE GOVERN-
MENTS OF DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND AND SWEDEN. END QUOTE.

5. A SHORT DISCUSSION OF US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND
DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CSCE CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE IS BEING
REPORTED IN A SEPARATE CABLE.

6. FOR USUN AND OSLO: MISSION AND EMBASSY MAY, AT THEIR
DISCRETION, DRAW ON ABOVE WITH NORWEGIANS. VANCE

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